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In re the application of:)
) Group Art Unit: 3712
UMEYAMA; NAKAKI)
) Examiner: Kurt Fernstrom
Serial No. 09/834,886)
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Filed: April 16, 2001)

For: **A MODEL FOR TRAINING OF SURGICAL OPERATION OF CATARACT**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 24, 2003, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on July 24, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending rejections and allow all claims pending in this application



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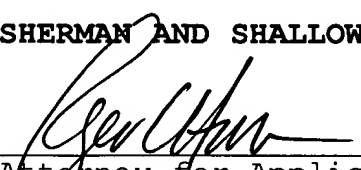
- (1) Filing Receipt;
- (2) Transmittal Letter;
- (3) Response to the Office Action;
- (4) 1.132 Declaration by Dr. Nakaki;
- (5) Appendix A; and
- (6) Appendix B, which is a 1.132 Declaration by Dr. Sugiura.

Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to deposit Account No. 19-1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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